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This is to notify you that **Powertech (USA) Inc.** has submitted a "**Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate**" to this department for its proposed in situ leach uranium mining operation near Edgemont. A copy of the Request, including an October 7, 2008 supplement and information on radionuclides in soils in the US was sent to your agency by Powertech on October 6 and 16, 2008. If your agency did not receive a copy of the Request, please notify our office and a copy will be sent to you.

The department has reviewed the Request and found it to be complete. Therefore, pursuant to ARSD 74:29:10:07, your agency has **60 days** after the receipt of the Request to respond to us with any recommendations for nominating lands described in the Request for inclusion on the preliminary list of special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands. Such recommendations must be in writing and must comply with the requirements of ARSD 74:29:10:16. Failure of an agency to respond within the 60 days constitutes that agency's clearance of the lands described in the Request for special, exceptional, critical, or unique characteristics.

If your agency has any questions on the Request, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

\s/

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